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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/761,268	Applicant(s) PRYCE, DENNIS	
	Examiner Eugene Lhymn	Art Unit 3727	

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kinder (US 4721216). With respect to claim 1, Kinder discloses the following:

- Holder mount (33)
- Receiver
- Base
- Advertising mount (33)

With respect to claim 2, Kinder discloses the advertising mount being on the holder mount (33).

3. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Johnson (US 2672988). With respect to claim 1, Johnson discloses the following:

- Holder mount (3)
- Receiver
- Base
- Advertising mount (29)

With respect to claim 2, Kinder discloses the advertising mount being on the holder mount (Fig. 1, 29).

4. Claims 1 & 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith (US 3013758). With respect to claim 1, Smith discloses:

- Holder mount (11)
- Receiver
- Base
- Advertising mount (C)

With respect to claim 3, Smith discloses the receiver being wire and having a frusto-conical shape.

5. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hogg (US 4240549). With respect to the claim, Hogg discloses:

- Holder mount (28)
- Receiver
- Base
- Advertising mount (46)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson in view of Kinder. Johnson discloses the claimed invention except for the shape being frusto-conical. However, Kinder teaches the shape of the receiver being frusto-conical (Fig. 3). Furthermore, a change in form or shape is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art, absent any showing of unexpected results. *In re Dailey et al.*, 149 USPQ 47. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the shape of the receiver of Johnson to be frusto-conical as taught by Kinder so as to provide an alternate shape.

3. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hogg in view of Kinder. Hogg discloses the claimed invention except for the shape being frusto-conical. However, Kinder teaches the shape of the receiver being frusto-conical (Fig. 3). Furthermore, a change in form or shape is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art, absent any showing of unexpected results. *In re Dailey et al.*, 149 USPQ 47. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the shape of the receiver of Hogg to be frusto-conical as taught by Kinder so as to provide an alternate shape.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

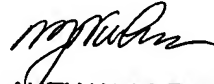
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eugene Lhymn whose telephone number is 571-272-8712. The examiner can normally be reached on MTWT 6-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on (571)272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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